

## Exhibit A

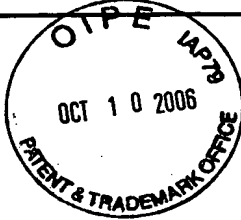
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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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In re Application of Walke et al.

Application Number 09/863,823

Filed May 23, 2001

For Novel Human Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

Group Art Unit 1647

Examiner Fozia Hamud

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))

\$ 475.00

☒ Applicant claims small entity status.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0892. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☐ attorney or agent of record.

☒ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). 41,866

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January 22, 2004  
 Date

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